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H.B. No. 3887

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to trauma training for public school personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The program on the list must include components that provide for training counselors, teachers, nurses, administrators, and other staff, as well as law enforcement officers and social workers who regularly interact with students, to recognize students displaying signs of physical or emotional trauma.

(1) intervene effectively with students described by this subdivision by providing notice and referral to a parent or guardian so appropriate action, such as seeking mental health or substance abuse services, may be taken by a parent or guardian.

SECTION 2. Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-3) and (c-4) to read as follows:

(c-3) Each school district shall report annually to the Texas Education Agency:

(1) the number of teachers, principals, and counselors employed by the district who have completed training under this section; and

(2) the total number of teachers, principals, and counselors employed by the district.

(c-4) The Texas Education Agency shall make the information

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1 reported under Subsection (c-3) available to the public on the
2 agency's Internet website.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.